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Celebrating 67 years as an *active* ham radio club—*Since 1937*
Newsletter for the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc.



CALENDAR

- Oct.....1 **PAARA Meeting, 7:30**
Menlo Park Recreation Center
700 Alma Street, Menlo Park
- Oct.....6 **PAARA Board Meeting, 7:30**
Red Cross Bld., 400 Mitchell Ln., Palo Alto
- Oct.....15-17 **Pacificon, Concord, CA**
- Nov.....5 **PAARA Meeting, 7:30**
- Nov.....10 **PAARA Board Meeting, 7:30**

PROGRAM

October 1, 2004 7:30 P.



Program:

VK0IR Heard Island "Outpost at the Edge" DXpedition

Join us for pre-meeting eyeball
at Su Hong Restaurant, 1039 El Camino Real, Menlo Park
Food will be served at 6:00 sharp, so guests will be on time for the PAARA meeting. Those arriving late will be responsible for their own order and bill.

—PAARA Radio NET every Monday evening at 8:30 P.M., local time—
on the 145.230 -600 MHz repeater, PL tone off

PAARA Membership List

As of the September 2004 Friday evening meeting, we had 212 paid up members of PAARA. However, only 59 of those members had picked up their personal copy of the rather detailed PAARA membership list at the last two month meeting dates. They have been made available by the PAARA Secretary who checks the information and signs them off as being personally received.

The reason that they are not being mailed this year to the members is because the PAARA Board of Directors decided to gain better control over the information contained within the membership list. The Board had learned of some information farming activities last year wherein someone had inadvertently allowed their list to be taken and used by a telemarketer.

Should you require one of these really well done, detailed membership lists, please see the PAARA Secretary at the next Friday meeting date. Should you discover a mistake in the listed information for yourself on the membership list, please send an e-mail advising of the correct information directly to the membership co-chairperson who handles the information control, Lisa Rice. Her e-mail is listed in PAARAgraphs.

~ PAARA Secretary. Terry Finn. AF6TF.

SPEAKER: Award winning, digitally filmed, PBS quality travelogue
PROGRAM:

**VK0IR Heard Island
"Outpost at the Edge" DXpedition**

Heard Island is one of the Earth's most pristine and isolated natural wildernesses, and one of the few places on the planet completely free from any human introduced species. This documentary traces the early nineteenth century American sealing history through the Australian occupation in the 1950's, and finally to the famous 1997 VK0IR DXpedition. Don't miss this; it is amazing and breathtaking!

~Jim, K6AK

THE PAARA PICNIC PRESENTERS.

PAARA would like to recognize and thank **Jim Rice, K6AK**, **Lisa Rice, KG6KQS** and **Kyle Rice, KG6MSK**, for hosting the annual PAARA picnic on their property. You may recall that this event occurred on Saturday, September 11/04 from noon on into the evening. Many PAARA members came by and enjoyed the view, food and social activities.

The Rice estate is all the way up the canyon in Portola Valley which allows them a fantastic view of the greater Bay Area and an almost perfect antenna farm site. Jim gave exclusive tours of his ham shack and work bench area after playing show and tell with a huge home brew tower and mast assembly under construction.

Lisa supervised the food preparation and distribution in the kitchen and coordinated some of the pool players in the game room. The chef who was toiling over the hot barbeque most of the time was none other than **Gerry Tucker, N6NV**.

All the attendees had a great, relaxing time. Some even took part in a VHF/UHF weekend contest from a small portable station set up near the food tent. PAARA really appreciated the effort put forth by the Rice's. Thank you so much for supporting our local radio club.

~Terry Finn. AF6TF.

RECOGNIZED AT THE LAST MEETING.

We had several visitors at the last meeting who were recognized by the membership and received gifts from PAARA. **NIYNQ, Jeremy**, who moved into the La Honda area a few years ago from Boston. **KG6DEW, Doug Coker**, and **WB6JZY, Jack Trollman** from Mountain View. **KG6NOT, Erick Castillo** and **N6ZAG, Terry Ridgway**, both from San Jose. (note: N6ZAG recently upgraded to extra class).

Two young men who just earned their technician licenses at the VE session in Redwood City: **KG6WEO, Todd Nagegast** of Santa Cruz and **KG6WEM, Erik Fears** of Mountain View. **KG6WDN, Dewayne Adams** of Saratoga actually joined PAARA that evening.

A special recognition was given to PAARA members **KRIPTO** who recently up-graded to extra class. Congratulations to **Mark Cohen**, of Hayward and **KG6RZG, Ruth Lacey** of Palo Alto who just passed her element one morse code exam. Way to go folks !!

We encourage all the PAARA members to make our guests and visitors welcome at our meetings and events. Please have them pick up a temporary visitor name badge at the front door so they don't feel left out and talk with them for awhile. This is one of the reasons our club is considered the most active and friendly radio association around.

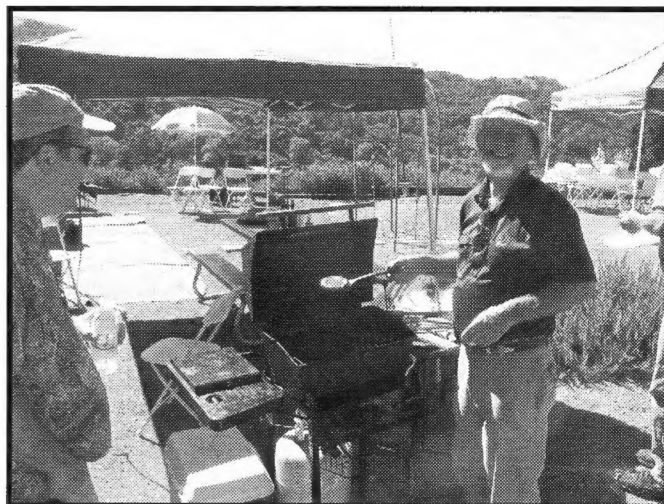
~Terry Finn. AF6TF.

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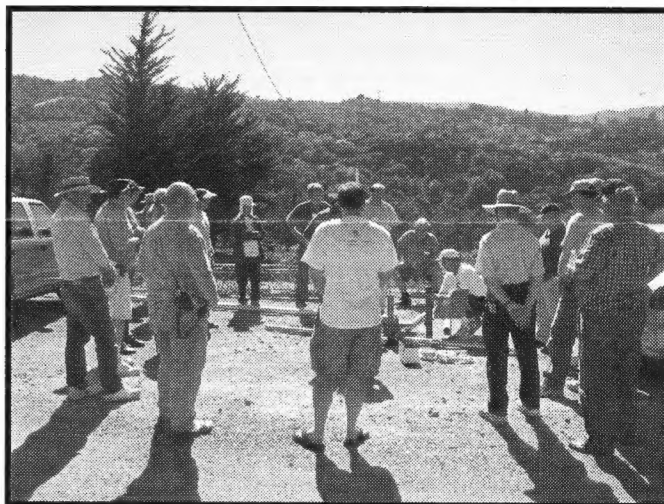
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Thanks, de Rich, W6APZ

PAARA Picnic 2004

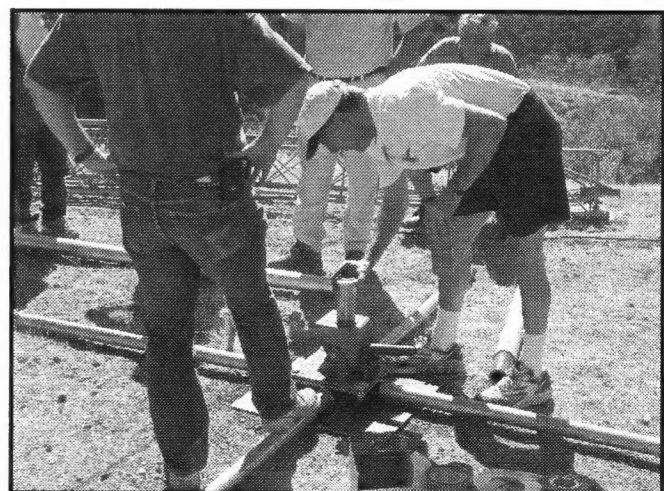


"Boy, they really shrink, don't they?"



"Let's forget the step ladder. Who wants to try the quick 45' antenna repair by running and jamming a pole vault pole onto this tilt-over-base, while grabbing tools on the way up?"

"I see you stretching, Clark!"





BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

September 15, 2004

The regular monthly meeting of the PAARA Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 15/04 at the Red Cross offices in Palo Alto. The meeting was called to order by President Andreas Junge, N6NU at 1930 hours local time. In attendance was Vice President **Jim Rice, K6AK**; Treasurer **Ron Chester, W6AZ**; Secretary **Terry Finn, AF6TF**; PAARAgaphs editor **Wally Porter, K6URO**; Board members **Gerry Tucker, N6NV**; **Bob Korte, KD6KYT**; **Adrianus Schrauwen, W6AJS**; **Rolf Klibo, N6NFI** and **Vic Black, AB6SO**. PAARA members **Dave Rogers, K5DKR**; **Steve Brune, KG6OUB**; **Stan Towle, WA6ZGI** and **Peter Sheerin, K6WEB** also attended.

Treasurer **Ron Chester** presented a rather detailed report on the costs of various events sponsored by PAARA so far in 2004. He provided an insight into how PAARA may have to restrict spending on future events and consider raising the membership fee so that costs can be covered. This whole debate was tabled until the results are in and tabulated by the committee that is preparing and running the membership survey.

Peter Sheerin provided an up-date regarding specific changes that he has made to the PAARAsite web page. To facilitate ease of use for PAARA members who may wish to use the special interest group portions of the PAARAsite, he will make several changes to the wiki page format.

A new committee was established to review the Association By-Laws which have not been up-dated for many years. Serving on the committee, as appointed by the President are: **Adrianus Schrauwen**; **Ron Chester** and **Peter Sheerin**. It will be known as the PAARA By-Law Review

Committee and will report directly to the Board of Directors on a monthly basis. Any amendments will be presented to the general membership at a regular meeting to be voted upon before the new by-laws will take effect.

As many new members are joining PAARA, it has been suggested that ARRL members should bring their older, out-dated or un-used copies of QST to a regular Friday evening meeting so they can be given to the new PAARA members or guests. This will assist newer hams in discovering the value, benefits and existence of the national radio organization. We are still attempting to obtain a 51 per cent member of ARRL ratio so we can once again become an officially recognized ARRL radio club.

Starting in January 2005, **Gerry Tucker** will be bringing his truck to the Friday evening PAARA meeting that occurs closest to the Saturday morning electronic flea market. This will allow PAARA members and guests to donate various items of radio or electronic interest to PAARA. Gerry will then establish a sales booth at the flea market to sell the donated items. All proceeds will go directly to the PAARA general operating fund.

Jim Rice continues to provide excellent meeting speakers and raffle prize entertainment. If a PAARA member has an idea regarding a speaker, please do not hesitate to contact Jim directly and personally as it is a rather tough job. The raffle prize event is still viable and creating lots of excitement at the meetings.

The PAARA sponsored code training class will start on Tuesday evening, Sept 28/04 in Redwood City at the Sequoia Club, 1695 Broadway at 7 pm. It will run every Tuesday and Thursday evening for eight weeks.

PAARA is still considered the most active, friendly and professional radio club in California. Thanks to the PAARA members for keeping it that way.

~PAARA Secretary: **Terry Finn, AF6TF**.

Hams

These two sites will lead you to an extensive investigation. As the Emergency Coordinator for the Half Moon Bay ARES group I plan to follow through with this project and provide this alternative (to the wire line phone access) to the internet to our clients such as the Fire Department and the Police Department, etc. Please join me in becoming knowledgeable about WinLink.: <http://www.winlink.org/>, <http://www.arescom.com/>

73, - Jay, WA6SBO



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY.

PAARA member **Rick Line, KG6TMD**, is known by many in our radio club as, 'The Pastor', or 'The Sky Pilot', simply because of his vocation. In reality he is just another good guy who happens to really enjoy amateur radio and all of its ancillary activities.

He operates a youth ministry within the First Baptist Church in Menlo Park. Several of his young participants have been brought to the VE testing sessions by him to obtain their technician licenses. Most recently, Rick was given a couple of brand new GMRS two way radios for this ministry to assist in building up their new ham shack with equipment.

Those radios were donated by PAARA member **Stan Towle, WA6ZGI** who won them at the PAARA monthly meeting during the radio prize raffle. Thank you Stan. You are doing a great job for the amateur radio service and the reputation of our radio club, PAARA.

~Terry Finn, AF6TF

NC6U. Ron Carmichael donates again !!

PAARA member **Ron Carmichael, NC6U**, is busy packing up his many years of gathering things and keeping them at his home in San Carlos. He will be retiring soon, so he and his rather patient wife have decided to sell their home in the San Carlos hills and move up into the mountains where they have a nice little piece of property, away from the hustle and bustle of the Bay Area.

As a result, Ron has been slogging through his ham shack and store room looking for items of interest that he can sell or donate. This week he located a new mag mount 2 meter antenna and an older Heathkit oscilloscope that he has given to **Stan Towle, WA6ZGI**.

Stan in turn, will donate these items to **Sister Jean, KG6UGO**, of the Dominican Nuns for their ham shack at the Mission San Jose. Thank you Ron for continuing what has become a regular activity for you and many other PAARA members.

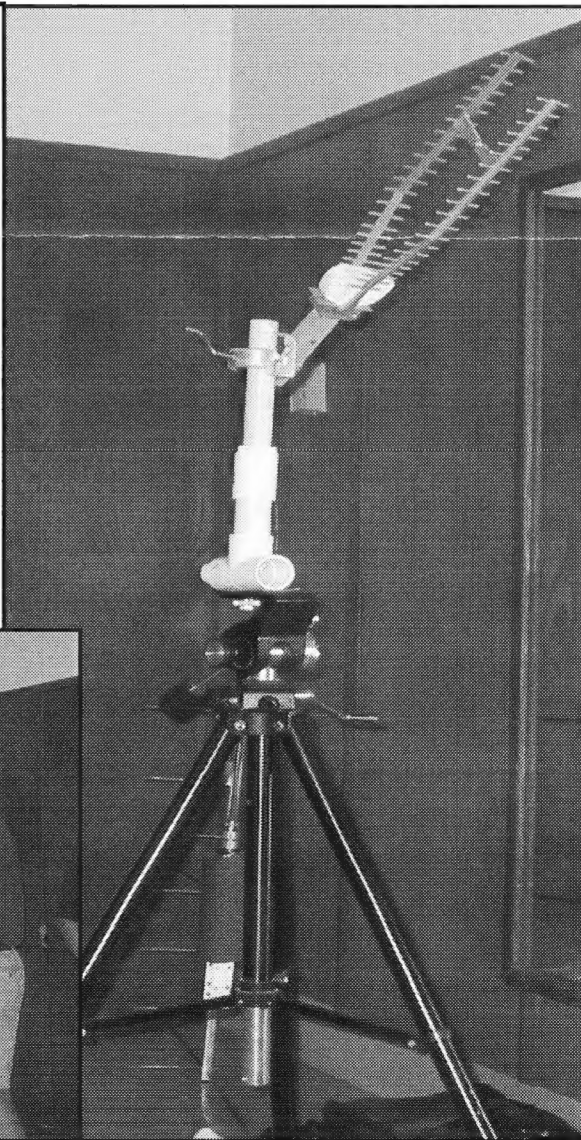
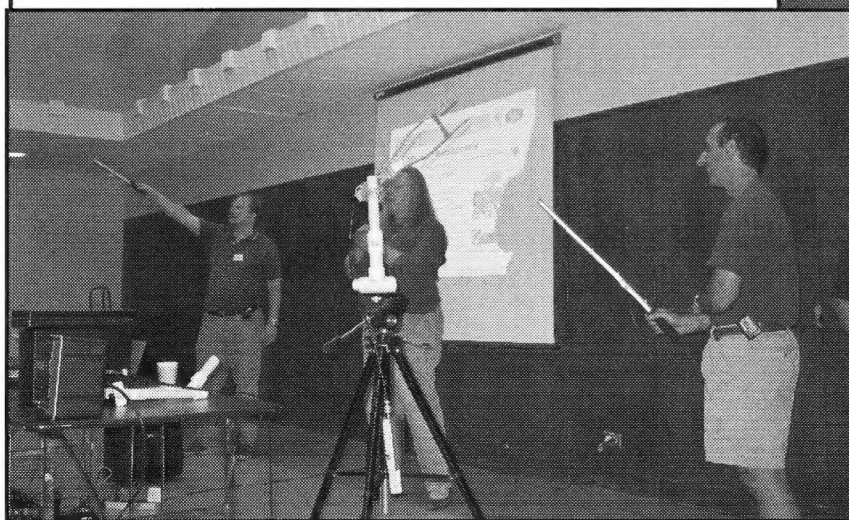
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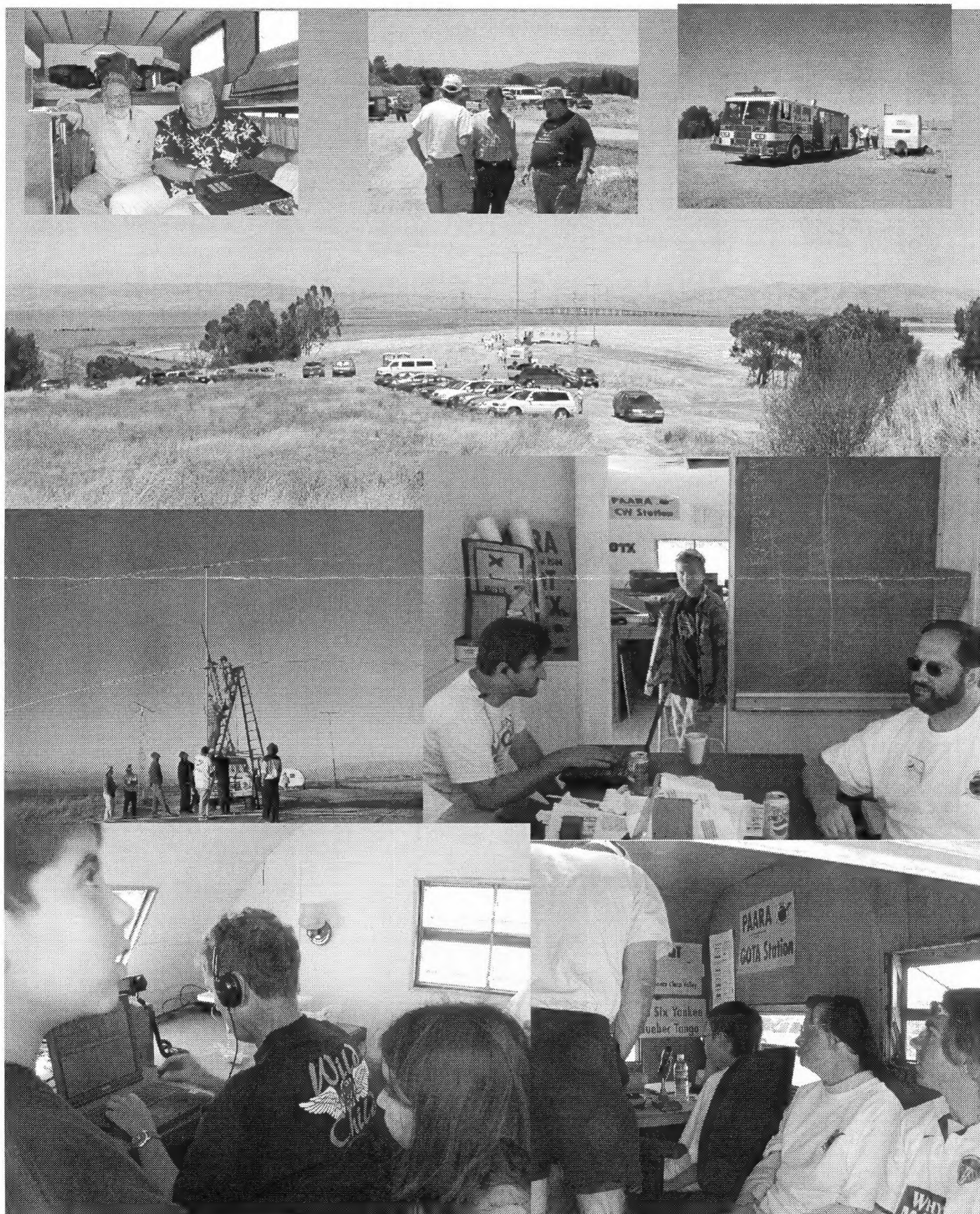
Hi,

For those of you who may not know me, I'm the AMSAT area coordinator here on the SF Peninsula. I'm also Vice President of Project OSCAR, the oldest radio club exclusively dedicated to amateur satellite use. About a month ago I was approached by one of the clubs in the central valley about providing a monthly satellite news column. With the launch of AMSAT OSCAR - 51 (Echo) I received two additional requests. After considering it, it seemed prudent to put together a column that any club can use for their news letter. The first is attached, and you are free to publish it in your club newsletter. It's a bit long because of Echo and in the future I think one half page would be appropriate for a monthly column. In the future we will post it on the Project OSCAR website so current and past articles will be available. Please let me know a) if you are interested in receiving this article for publication and b) what format you would prefer. I currently have MS Word and PDF formats available but can add others if there is a demand.

73, Emily W0EEC



PAARA FIELD DAY 2004



PAARA
October 1st Meeting and Raffle

PAARA “The Friendliest Club Around”

Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

Date and Time: Friday, October 1st, at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Menlo Park Recreation Center, 700 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA.

PAARA Website: www.paara.org

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Enjoy our fabulous speakers, free refreshments, chatting with your friends, and the chance to take home an unbelievable prize. See you at Round Table after the meeting! Kyle, Ian and I are having a lot of fun.

THANKS AGAIN FOR MAKING THE MEETINGS VERY EXCITING!

The PAARA Raffle is FULL of SURPRISES and

YOUR LUCKY DAY may be October 1st

Contact Kyle, KG6MSK and Ian, K6IAN,

“Two of PAARA's youngest members” for tickets at the meeting.

Members and Visitors: **THANK YOU** for your continued support of the PAARA Raffle!

**Since February 2003 47 Radios, including an ICOM 706 MK IIG
have gone to Fellow Hams, THANKS TO YOU and the PAARA Raffle!**

Special Thanks to Howard and HRO for their continued SUPPORT!

~K6AK Jim

Congratulations:

PAARA Raffle Prize Winners / September 10th 2004

1st Prize: Gary Palmer AE6NP / Elecraft KX1 Transceiver

2nd Prize: Ron Chester W6AZ / Arrow II Satellite Antenna 146/437

3rd Prize: Stan Towle WA6ZGI / Two FRS/GMRS Radios

4th Prize: Michael Dewayne Adams KG6WDN / Altoids

4th Prize: Dave Cooper KE6PFF / Sharp Wizard Organizer

Bonus Prize: John Eisenberg K6YP / 1 yr. Subscription to World Radio



PAARA Members and Visitors: THANK YOU FOR YOUR

SUPPORT of the upcoming *PAARA 2004 Dream to Reality Raffle II* as well as the exciting monthly raffles! Since Feb. 03, 47 Radios, including an ICOM 706 MK IIG and TWO Elecraft KX1's have gone to Fellow Hams, THANKS TO YOU!

PAARA is having a remarkable year in 2004, and if you aren't a member, please join PAARA and experience fun events with the friendliest club around.

~Jim, K6AK



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2nd Mon N6NU, Andreas Junge

3rd Mon AD6FX, Jon Zweig

4th Mon AA6PA, Bill Rausch

5th Mon tba

Join us for pre-meeting eyeball

QSO

October 1st gab & gobble

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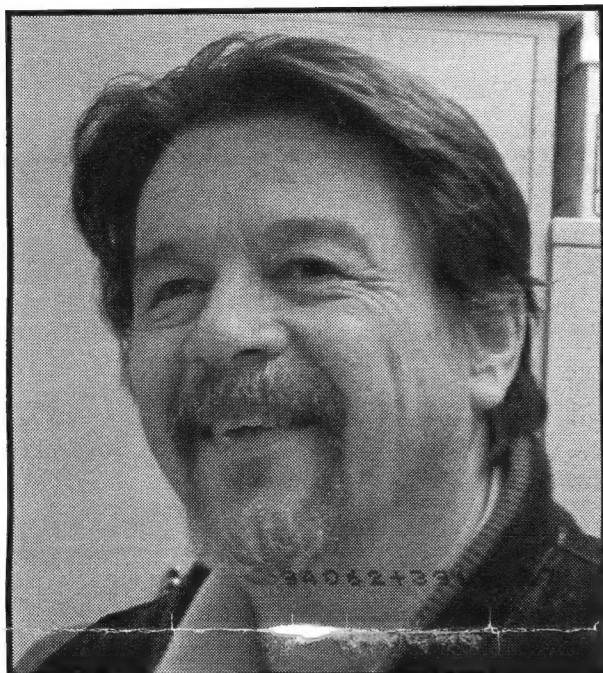
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